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MINISTER ANDREOTTI FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING JANUARY 26 1977(
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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REMARKS MADE BY ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER
ANDREOTTI AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING IN
THE PRIME MINISTER'S ROME OFFICE, JANUARY 26:
QUOTE.

MR. ANDREOTTI: IN AN INITIAL DIRECT MEETING WE HAD A CHANCE
TO EXAMINE SOME POLITICAL PROBLEMS. THEN, IN AN EXPANDED MEETING
WITH THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF
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ITALY AND THE ECONOMIC EXPERTS ACCOMPANYING THE VICE PRESIDENT,
WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE IN DEPTH OUR ECONOMIC SITUATION,
BUT PLACE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF EUROPE'S ECONOMY AS WELL AS IN
THAT OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THAT THE GREAT INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES INTEND TO CARRY OUT AND TO WHICH WE ARE STRONGLY TIED.
TOMORROW MORNING OUR ECONOMIC EXPERTS WILL MEET AGAIN WITH THE HIGH
OFFICIAL ACCOMPANYING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND THEY WILL BE ABLE

TO EXAMINE FURTHER SOME THEMES OF COMMON INTEREST.

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. ANDREOTTI. I AM DELIGHTED AND PLEASED BY THE VERY FINE TALKS THAT WE'VE HAD TODAY CONTINUING ON EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE HAD WHEN YOU VISITED OUR CAPITAL IN WASHINGTON LAST DECEMBER. I COME TO THIS MEETING BRINGING THE WARMEST GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT. MR. CARTER, TO MR. ANDREOTTI AND TO HIS GOVERNMENT. TODAY WE DISCUSSED A RANGE OF CONCERNS WHICH WE MUTUALLY SHARE. FIRST OF ALL, IN THE ECONOMIC AREA, WE WERE ABLE TO REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC POLICIES OF MY GOVERNMENT DESIGNED TO STIMULATE THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IN A PRUDENT WAY BUT IN A WAY DESIGNED TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND THUS IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OF ECONOMIES AROUND THE WORLD AND ON OUR TALKS WITH LEADERS OF OTHER NATIONS WHOSE ECONOMIES ARE IN A STRONG POSITION AND WHICH WE HAVE BEEN URGING TO PURSUE SIMILAR POLICIES OF STIMULATION DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE PACE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

THE ITALIAN ECONOMY, OF COURSE, FACES SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. SOME OF THESE ARE EXTERNAL, CAUSED BY THE WORLD ECONOMIC SLUMP AND BY THE RISE IN OIL PRICES. PRESIDENT CARTER, AS I HAVE MENTIONED, HAS INTRODUCED AN EXPANSIONARY PROGRAM TO HELP STIMULATE THE WORLD ECONOMY AND ON MY TRIP I HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING THE OTHER STRONG ECONOMIES OF THE WORLD TO EXPAND THEIR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN PARALLEL. THESE MEASURES WILL HELP ITALY, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT ITALY ALSO HAS INTERNAL ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES: WE HAVE HAD A FULL REPORT TODAY OF THE MEASURES THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TAKING AND HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AND OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE UNIONS AND THE BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, AND WE HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THEM. WE KNOW THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THOSE NEGOTIATIONS ON TERMS THAT ARE SATISFACTORY TO ALL CONCERNED. WE ARE, OF COURSE, NOT A DIRECT PART OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WE HOPE AND TRUST THEY WILL PRODUCE SATISFACTORY RESULTS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE HOPE TO PRODUCE THROUGH OUR OWN ECONOMIES AND THROUGH ENCOURAGING COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BY OTHERS A MORE STIMULATIVE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY.

WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE MATTER OF THE UPCOMING SUMMIT -- ITS TIMING, PROPOSALS CONCERNING LOCATION, AND ITEMS THAT ARE SUGGESTED FOR THE AGENDA. WE DISCUSSED THE GATT AND THE MULTI-LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND OUR WISH THAT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I STRONGLY REPRESENTED THE

PRESIDENT'S HOPE THAT WE COULD MAKE PROGRESS ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS AND ON THE ISSUE OF PROLIFERATION OF THE CAPACITY FOR PRODUCING WEAPONS-GRADE MATERIALS, AND OUR HOPE THAT THE ARMS-PRODUCING NATIONS OF THE WORLD -- INCLUDING MY OWN -- COULD COOPERATE TOWARD A PROGRAM OF SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING THE SALE OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS AROUND THE WORLD. WE ALSO BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE SOCALLED NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE ISSUES WHICH ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF US.

WE, OF COURSE, WENT INTO SUBSTANTIAL DETAIL ON THE PROPOSALS AND ON THE ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY TO DEAL WITH SOME OF THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY FRUITFUL BEGINNING OF WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE A LONG AND CONSISTANT COOPERATION BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND MINE, BETWEEN OUR LEADERS, AND THROUGH THE VARIOUS MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH WE BOTH BELONG. I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU, MR. ANDREOTTI, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS DIALOGUE.

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